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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMERCIAL INFORMATION--NEW KHARTOUM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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- 1. FINANCING PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY ITALIAN CONSORTIUM, HEADED BY TECHNICAL-MEFIT, WAS REJECTED BY MIN OF PLANNING BECAUSE TERMS, 10 YEAR REPAYMENT AT 7 1/2 PERCENT, WERE CONSIDERED TOO HIGH (SEE REFTEL B). MINISTRY WILL CONTINUE TO USE ITALIAN DESIGN FOR PLANNING PURPOSES WHILE CONSORTIUM ATTEMPTS TO FIND CONCESSIONARY FINANCING.
- 2. NEW KHARTOUM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS NOT INCLUDED IN SUDANGOV SIX-YEAR PLAN OR IN PLANS OF NEW ARAB AUTHORITY FOR AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, REF C. FOR SECURITY AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT REASONS, HIGHEST PRIORITY IS NOW BEING GIVEN TO REGIONAL AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT.

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3. COMMENT: MIN OF PLANNING IS DETERMINED THAT PROJECT BE FINANCED ON CONCESSIONARY TERMS. THEREFORE, WE SEE LITTLE ROLE FOR EXIM AND U.S. COMMERCIAL BANKS IN PROJECT. IF PETERSON CAN ARRANGE CONCESSIONARY FINANCING THROUGH MULTILATERAL OR ARAB INSTITUTIONS, PROSPECTS FOR IMPLEMENTING PROJECT WILL IMPROVE, BUT THERE IS A REAL POSSIBILITY THAT SUDANGOV WOULD DIVERT SUCH FINANCING TO HIGHER PRIORITY PROJECTS.

4. BELIVE JIDDA AND KUWAIT IN BETTER POSITION TO RECOMMEND SPECIFIC FINANCIAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR PETERSON TO CONTACT. BERGUS

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